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Senate Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care

- S 0002-C**GENERAL BILL/CS by Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Jones; (CO-SPONSORS) Saunders; Peaden (Linked S 0004-C, Similar 1ST ENG/H 0015-C, Compare H 0019-C, S 0006-C) Medical Malpractice; revises requirements for setoffs against damages in medical malpractice actions if there is written release or covenant not to sue; creates Fla. Center for Excellence in Health Care; requires medical malpractice insurance rate rollback; provides maximum amount to be awarded as noneconomic damages in medical negligence actions; adds infants receiving compensation awards as eligible for Children's Medical Services health services, etc. Amends FS. Appropriation: \$3,744,674. Effective Date: 09/01/2003 except as otherwise provided.
07/11/03 SENATE CS passed; YEAS 27 NAYS 8 -SJ 00019
07/11/03 HOUSE In Messages
07/21/03 HOUSE Died in Messages
- S 0004-C PUBLIC RECORDS/GENERAL BILL by Jones; (CO-SPONSORS) Saunders (Linked CS/S 0002-C, Compare H 0019-C) Patient Records/Pub. Rec. & Meetings; provides that patient records obtained by, & other documents identifying patient by name & contained in patient safety data held by, Fla. Center for Excellence in Health Care are exempt from public-record requirements; provides that meetings held by center at which such information is discussed are exempt from public-meeting requirements; authorizes release of information under specified circumstances, etc. Creates 381.04091. Effective Date: Contingent.
07/11/03 SENATE Passed; YEAS 35 NAYS 0 -SJ 00020
07/11/03 HOUSE In Messages
07/21/03 HOUSE Died in Messages
- H 0015-C GENERAL BILL/1ST ENG by Goodlette; (CO-SPONSORS) Bense; M. Davis (Linked H 0011-C, Similar CS/S 0002-C, Compare H 0019-C) Medical Incidents; provides for setoff of amounts received by claimant in settlements; increases amount of paid liability claims requiring investigation by Health Dept.; provides additional requirements for medical malpractice insurance rate filings; creates Health Care Professional Liability Insurance Facility; provides limitations on noneconomic damages which can be awarded in causes of action involving medical negligence, etc. Amends FS. Effective Date: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.
07/10/03 HOUSE Passed as amended; YEAS 81 NAYS 22 -HJ 00010
07/10/03 SENATE In Messages
07/21/03 SENATE Died in Messages
- H 0019-C GENERAL BILL by Ambler (Linked H 0011-C, Compare 1ST ENG/H 0015-C, CS/S 0002-C, S 0004-C) Medical Malpractice; cites act as "Malpractice Insurance, Liability, & Litigation Reform Act"; provides limitations on liability of specified health care practitioners & facilities under specified conditions; provides for discounted medical liability

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Senate Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (Continued)

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insurance based on certification of programs that reduce adverse incidents; provides that defendant's monetary liability shall not exceed \$250,000 on any action brought under certain section, etc. Amends FS. Appropriation: \$1,139,908. Effective Date: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

07/10/03 HOUSE Filed

07/21/03 HOUSE Died, not introduced

S 0006-C PUBLIC RECORDS/GENERAL BILL by Jones; (CO-SPONSORS) Saunders
(Compare CS/S 0002-C)

Adverse Incident Info./Pub. Rec.; amends provision which provides exemption from public-records requirements for information contained in notification of adverse incident provided to AHCA by facility licensed under Hospital Licensing & Regulation chapter; authorizes use of information as part of certain disciplinary proceedings; removes repeal of exemption scheduled under OGSR Act of 1995, etc. Amends 395.0198. Effective Date: 10/01/2003.

07/10/03 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar -SJ 00020

07/11/03 SENATE Read second time -SJ 00020

07/21/03 SENATE Died on Calendar

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